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Administration of Gerald R. Ford

PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS

Week Ending Friday, December 24, 1976

Vail, Colorado

The President's Remarks Upon Arrival. December 19, 1976

Thank you very, very much, John.

Betty, Mike, Jack, Steve, Susan, and our daughter-in-law, Gayle, and myself, of course, are just delighted to be here in Vail. There isn't a place that we would rather come at Christmas time than Vail, Colorado, and we have been here, as I best recollect, nine Christmases in a row. And I and all the family look forward to spending many, many more Christmases in this wonderful location.

About a week ago, there were some inquiries made about how snow was in Vail. One of my staff said to me, "Mr. President, why don't we change our plans and go somewhere else where you can play some golf?" I said we were coming to Vail, and between the Indians and myself, we knew very well there would be some snow very shortly.

But let me just thank all of the people who live in Vail, all that come here to seek employment, all who come to ski. We are deeply indebted to all of you for your many courtesies, your hospitality, your friendship. And I hope and trust that we will see you on the slopes, having dinner, walking the streets, just enjoying ourselves in this wonderful atmosphere with so many nice people.

Thank you. Merry, merry Christmas.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:50 p.m.

Ann Arbor, Michigan

The President's Remarks at a Luncheon With the University of Michigan Regents. December 19, 1976

Thank you very much, Bob.

The opportunity to come to Ann Arbor on this occasion reminds me of another ceremony with many similarities. When you are invited as the husband of the wife who is to christen a ship, where all of the function is in the hands of the wife who is about to break the bottle of champagne before the launching, the husband is totally useless, and he is just there. That is about it. [*Laughter*]

Well, I am delighted to be here, obviously, to see Betty get this degree. It is a great honor for her and richly deserved. But it is also a great honor to me and to the rest of the family that Betty is being so recognized.

It is like coming back home, for me, to Ann Arbor. I don't think I spent any more enjoyable 4 years in my life than I did here on this campus.

I look over here and see Bob Briggs. I learned something about budgeting from you, Bob. We tried to use those good practices in the Federal Government—not with all success, I might add.

But it is delightful to be here, and I thank you for honoring Betty, and we are deeply grateful as a family.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:03 p.m. in the Vandenberg Room at the University of Michigan campus. Later in the day, Mrs. Ford was presented with an honorary doctor of laws degree by the university.

Federal Recognition of "Expo '81" as a World's Fair

Statement by the President Announcing the Granting of Recognition. December 20, 1976

It gives me great pleasure to announce that I have today granted Federal recognition to "Expo '81," a world's fair to be held in San Bernardino County, California. Accordingly, I have directed the Secretary of State to notify the Bureau of International Expositions, which decided at its November 17 meeting in Paris that Expo '81 would be formally registered once it received Federal recognition.

Pursuant to Public Law 91–269, the Department of Commerce has evaluated the plans for the exposition, and I have received Secretary Richardson's report recommending that Federal recognition to Expo '81 be granted.

This report recognizes that other tasks remain to be accomplished—for example, environmental factors will be further considered upon receipt of public comments on the draft environmental impact statement now being circulated, and additional financial arrangements must still be made, including the planned authorization of a $35 million bond issue by the State of California. I am satisfied, however, that the preparations made and the commitments obtained to date fully justify my decision to grant Federal recognition.

Those who were fortunate enough to visit other recent world's fairs—in Spokane, in San Antonio, in Seattle, or in Montreal, know the great economic, social, and cultural benefits which such an undertaking brings to a region as well as to the Nation. The staging of an exposition requires substantial construction activity and produces a wide variety of other employment opportunities. Expo '81 will attract tourists from across the Nation and around the world who will also visit many of the other attractions throughout that beautiful part of the country. This "world's fair," which will be held on the site of the Ontario Motor Speedway on the outskirts of Los Angeles, will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the city of Los Angeles.

With the support of the American people and the residents of southern California, Expo '81 will be a great success and a cornerstone marking the beginning of America's "Third Century." I look forward to having the opportunity to visit Expo '81.

Death of Mayor Richard J. Daley

Statement by the President. December 20, 1976

Betty and I would like to express our sorrow over the unexpected death of Richard J. Daley, mayor of the city of Chicago. Mayor Daley has been a dominant force in American politics for many years. His career of public service at the State and city level, and his participation in national legislation and policies reflect his strong belief in and dedication to the vitality of the American cities.

Though controversial at times, he has been a towering figure in the American scene and will be long remembered by the people of Chicago, of Illinois, and of the Nation.

NOTE: Mayor Daley, 74, died in Chicago, Ill., on December 20, 1976.

The President designated Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller as his personal representative at funeral services for Mayor Daley in Chicago on December 22.

The statement was released at Vail, Colo.

Federal Advisory Committees

Executive Order 11948. Dated December 20, 1976. Released December 21, 1976

CONTINUANCE OF CERTAIN FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the United States of America, and as President of the United States of America, and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), it is hereby ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. Each advisory committee listed below is hereby continued until December 31, 1978:

(a) Citizens' Advisory Council on the Status of Women—Executive Order No. 11126, as amended (Department of Labor).

(b) Committee for the Preservation of the White House—Executive Order No. 11145, as amended (Department of the Interior).

(c) President's Commission on White House Fellowships—Executive Order No. 11183, as amended (United States Civil Service Commission).

(d) President's Committee on the National Medal of Science—Executive Order No. 11287, as amended (National Science Foundation).

(e) Quetico-Superior Committee—Executive Order No. 11342, as amended (Department of Agriculture).

(f) National Health Resources Advisory Committee—Executive Order No. 11415, as amended (General Services Administration).

(g) Citizens' Advisory Committee on Environmental Quality—Executive Order No. 11472, as amended (Council on Environmental Quality).

(h) President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports—Executive Order No. 11562, as amended (Department of Health, Education, and Welfare).

(i) Consumer Advisory Council—Executive Order No. 11583, as amended (Department of Health, Education, and Welfare).

(j) Advisory Council for Minority Enterprise—Executive Order No. 11625 of October 13, 1971 (Department of Commerce).

(k) President's Export Council—Executive Order No. 11753 of December 20, 1973 (Department of Commerce).

(1) President's Committee on Mental Retardation—Executive Order No. 11776 of March 28, 1974 (Department of Health, Education, and Welfare).

(m) Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health—Executive Order No. 11807 of September 28, 1974 (Department of Labor).

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Executive order, the functions of the President under the Federal Advisory Committee Act which are applicable to the committees listed in Section 1 of this order, except that of reporting annually to Congress, shall be performed by the head of the department or agency designated after each committee in accordance with guidelines and procedures established by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

SEC. 3. Executive Order No. 11868, as amended, establishing the President's Commission on Olympic Sports, is revoked effective January 16, 1977.

SEC. 4. (a) The following Executive orders are revoked:

(1) Executive Order No. 11667 of April 19, 1972, establishing the President's Advisory Committee on the Environmental Awards Merit Program.

(2) Executive Order No. 11809 of September 30, 1974, establishing the President's Labor-Management Committee.

(3) Executive Order No. 11860 of May 19, 1975, establishing the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees.

(b) Executive Order No. 11827, as amended, is superseded.

SEC. 5. This order shall be effective December 31, 1976.

GERALD R. FORD

The White House,
December 20, 1976.

[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 11:29 a.m., December 21, 1976]

Oil Spill Off the Massachusetts Coast

Statement by the President on Federal Actions To Deal With the Accident. December 22, 1976

I am deeply concerned by the serious threats to New England's shoreline, wildlife, marine resources, and fishing industry, posed by the oil spill off the coast of southeastern Massachusetts.

I have directed Federal agencies to do all that is possible to contain the slick, to limit environmental damage, and to provide appropriate assistance under the law to any affected communities and businesses.

The Coast Guard continues to take all possible measures to ensure minimal economic and ecological damage. Representatives of the Economic Development Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are on the scene and are monitoring the situation closely. They are prepared, at my direction, to respond as promptly as possible and to exercise every appropriate authority at their disposal to assist in dealing with this unfortunate accident.

NOTE: On Wednesday, December 15, a Liberian-registered oil tanker, the *Argo Merchant*, ran aground on the Nantucket shoals, 27 miles southeast of the island. On the morning of December 21, the vessel broke in half and, on the following day, the bow of the vessel also split, spilling the remainder of the oil into the Atlantic Ocean.

The statement was released at Vail, Colo.

International Fund for Agricultural Development

Statement by the President on the Establishment of the Fund. December 22, 1976

I have instructed Daniel Parker, Administrator of the Agency for International Development, to sign, on behalf of the United States, the Articles of Agreement establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development. The Fund—which has received pledges amounting to $1 billion—will provide financial assistance to enable poor countries to increase their own food output. The U.S. contribution will be $200 million.

The Fund is the product of a cooperative effort between the industrialized and oil exporting countries to meet the needs of the world's poor nations, which thus exemplifies the progress which can be achieved by constructive international cooperation. The Fund also received considerable impetus from the Conference on International Economic Cooperation, which has been meeting in Paris. The United States remains thoroughly committed to cooperation among developed and developing nations, oil importers and oil exporters, to meet the problems of economic development and to build a prosperous world economy from which all nations will benefit.

The United States was one of the earliest supporters of the International Fund for Agricultural Development. In his speech to the Seventh Special Session of the UN General Assembly in September 1975, Secretary of State Kissinger announced my intention to seek a contribution to the Fund.

Throughout the planning for the Fund and negotiations with other nations, there has been close cooperation between the executive branch and the Congress. This has

enabled the United States to maintain its leadership role and to make a substantial contribution to helping the developing countries better meet their own food needs.

This is an important step toward the healthier and more prosperous world which all nations seek.

NOTE: The statement was released at Vail, Colo.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

Following is a listing of items of general interest which were announced to the press during the period covered by this issue but which are not carried elsewhere in the issue.

December 18

The President met at the White House with the Executive Committee of the Economic Policy Board.

December 19

The President and Mrs. Ford left the White House for a 2-week vacation in Vail, Colo. En route to Vail, they stopped at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, where the President and Mrs. Ford met briefly with university officials associated with the Gerald R. Ford library project. Upon arrival at Vail, the President lighted the Christmas tree in the Town Square.

December 20

The President has accepted the following resignations:

LEONARD K. FIRESTONE as United States Ambassador to Belgium, effective upon a date to be determined;

ROBERT E. HUGHES as an Assistant Director of the National Science Foundation, effective December 31, 1976;

RONALD T. KNIGHT as United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia; effective December 31, 1976;

FRED CHARLES IKLE as Director of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, effective January 19, 1977;

JOHN F. LEHMAN, JR., as Deputy Director of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, effective January 20, 1977; and

HERBERT P. SORG as Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania; effective December 20, 1976.

CHECKLIST OF WHITE HOUSE PRESS RELEASES

NOTE: The following releases of the Office of the White House Press Secretary, distributed during the period covered by this issue, are not included in the issue.

Released December 19, 1976

Remarks by Betty Ford: at a luncheon with the University of Michigan regents

ACTS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

NOTE: The President completed his consideration of acts and joint resolutions passed by the second session of the 94th Congress on October 22, 1976 (see 12 Weekly Comp. Pres. Docs., pp. 1562, 1632). The first session of the 95th Congress will begin on Tuesday, January 4, 1977.

NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE

NOTE: The Congress having adjourned *sine die* on Friday, October 1, 1976, no nominations were submitted during the period covered by this issue. The first session of the 95th Congress will begin on Tuesday, January 4, 1977.

Editor's Note

Note Concerning the Closing Date of This Issue

At the cutoff time of this issue, the President was in Vail, Colo. Releases and announcements issued there, but not received in time for publication in this issue, will be printed next week.

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